

# Data Analysis in Geophysics

## ESCI 7205

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More on vectorization.

MATLAB is a vectorized high level language

Requires change in programming style  
(if one already knows a non-vectorized  
programming language such as Fortran, C, Pascal,  
Basic, etc.)

Vectorized languages allow operations over  
arrays using simple syntax, essentially the same  
syntax one would use to operate over scalars.  
(looks like math again.)

# What is vectorization? (with respect to matlab)

Vectorization is the process of writing code for MATLAB that uses matrix operations or other fast built-in functions instead of using explicit loops.

The benefits of doing this are usually sizeable.

The reason for this is that MATLAB is an interpreted language. Function calls have very high overhead, and indexing operations (inherent in a loop operation) are not particularly fast.

Loop versus vectorized version of same code.  
New commands “tic” and “toc” - time the execution of the code between them.

```
>> a=rand(1000);
```

```
>> tic;b=a*a;toc
```

```
Elapsed time is 0.229464 seconds.
```

```
>> tic;for k=1:1000,for l=1:1000,c(k,l)=0;for m=1:1000, c(k,l)=c(k,l)+a(k,m)*a(m,l);end, end, end, toc
```

```
Elapsed time is 22.369451 seconds.
```

```
>> whos
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
a	1000x1000	8000000	double	
b	1000x1000	8000000	double	
c	1000x1000	8000000	double	
k	1x1	8	double	
l	1x1	8	double	
m	1x1	8	double	

```
>> max(max(b-c))
```

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ans =  
9.6634e-13
```

Factor 100 difference in time for multiplication of  $10^3 \times 10^3$  matrix!

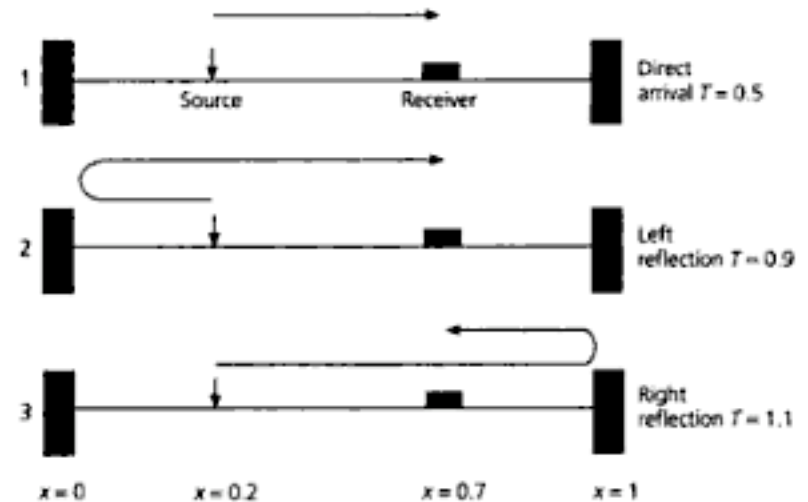
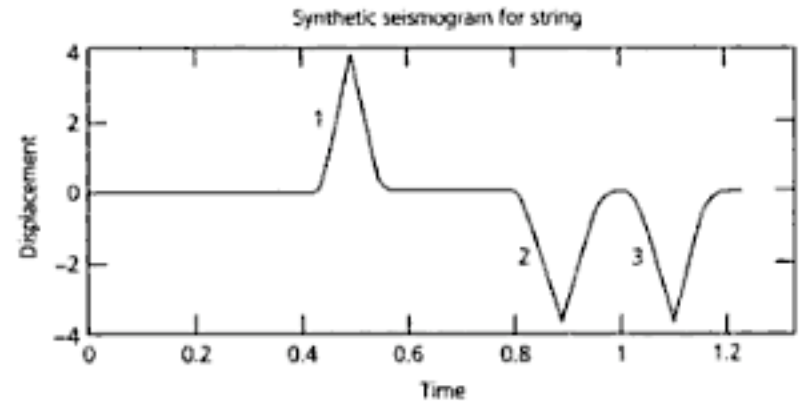
# Vectorization of synthetic seismogram example from

Stein and Wysession

Intro to Seismology and  
Earth Structure.

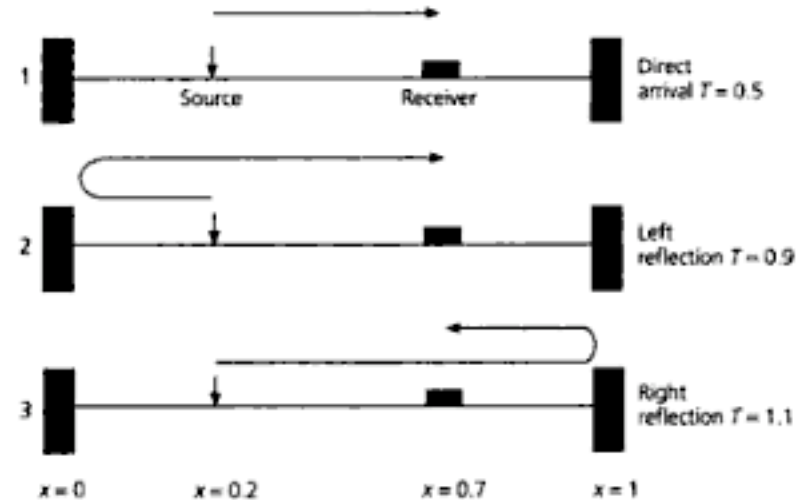
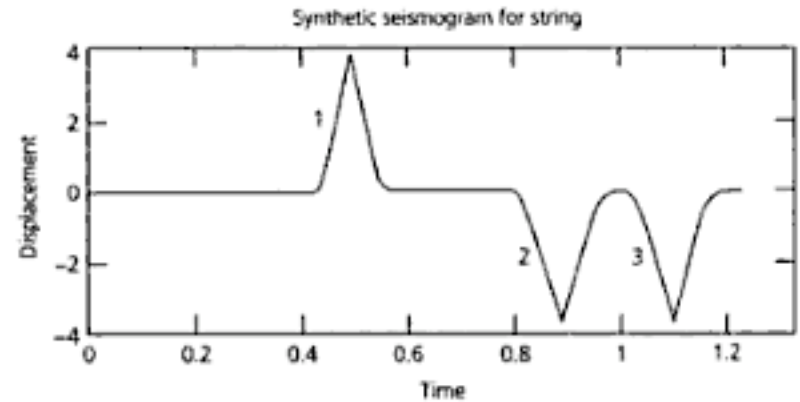
Section on scientific programming

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x / L) \sin(n\pi x_s / L) \cos(\omega_n t) \exp\left[-(\omega_n \tau)^2 / 4\right]$$



Start by just  
"translating" the Fortran  
code into Matlab.

So far we probably  
don't fully understand  
the math, but we have a  
formula and so we can  
calculate  $u(x,t)$ .



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```

%synthetic seismogram for homogeneous
string, u(t)
%calculated by normal mode summation
%string length
alngth=1;
%velocity m/sec
c=1.0;
%number modes
nmode=200;
%source position
xsrc=0.2;
%receiver position
xrcvr=0.7;
%seismogram time duration
tdurat=1.25;
%number time steps
nstep=50;
%time step
dt=tdurat/nstep;
%source shape term
tau=0.02;
fprintf('%s\n','synthetic seismogram for
string')
fprintf('%s %0.5g\n','number modes',
nmode)
fprintf('%s %0.5g %0.5g\n','length and
velocity', alngth, c)
fprintf('%s %0.5g %0.5g\n','posn src and
rcvr',xsrc,xrcvr)
fprintf('%s %0.5g %0.5g %0.5g\n','durn,
time steps, del t',tdurat,nstep,dt)

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## Doing translation for homework

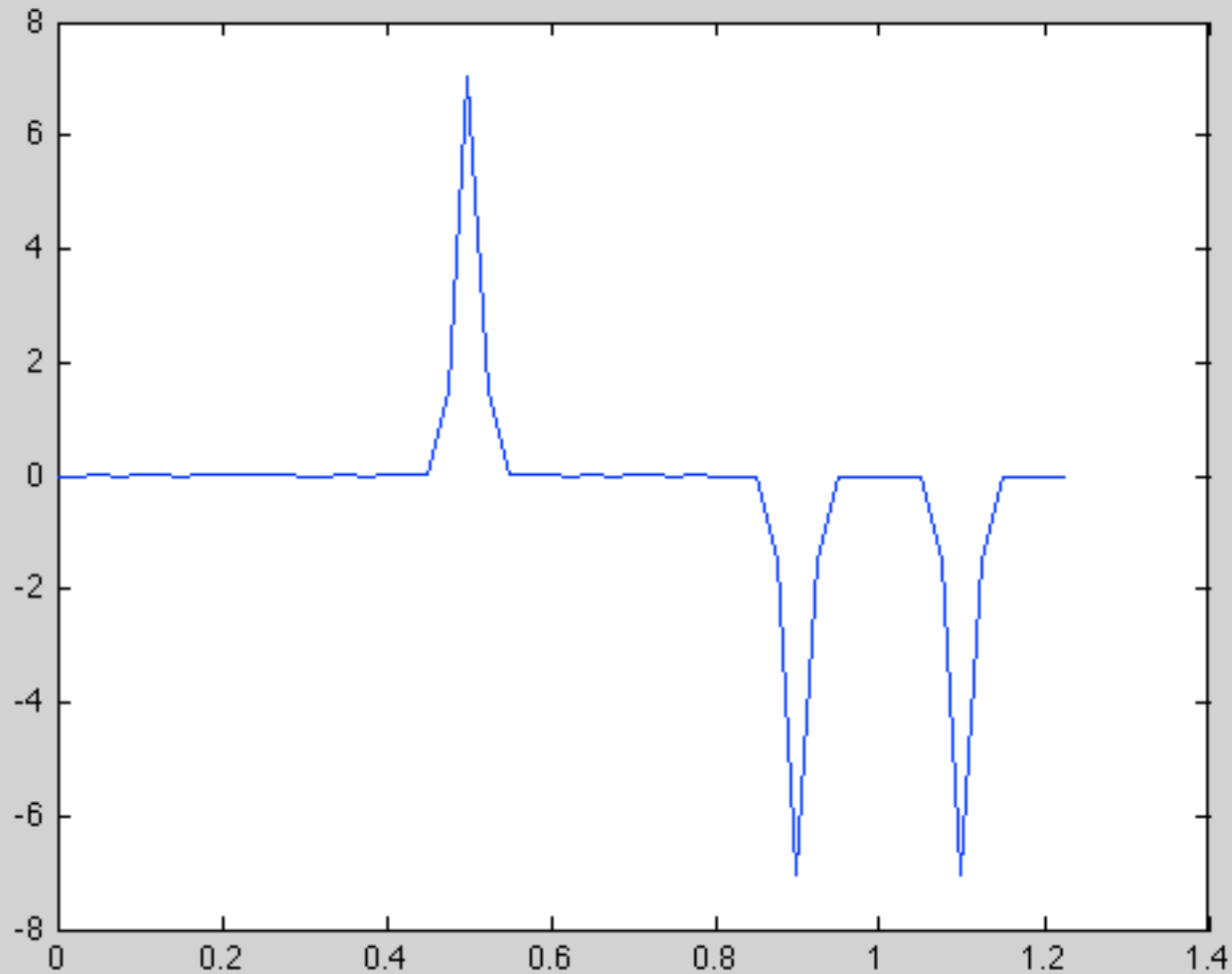
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fprintf('%s %0.5g\n','source shape',
tau)
%initialize displacement
for cnt=1:nstep
    u(cnt)=0;
end
for k=1:nstep
    t(k)=dt*(k-1);
end
%outer loop over modes
for n=1:nmode
    anpial=n*pi/alngth;
%space terms - src & rcvr
    sxs=sin(anpial*xsrc);
    sxr=sin(anpial*xrcvr);
%mode freq
    wn=n*pi*c/alngth;
%time indep terms
    dmp=(tau*wn)^2;
    scale=exp(-dmp/4);
    space=sxs*sxr*scale;
%inner loop over time steps
for k=1:nstep
    %    t=dt*(k-1);
    %    cwt=cos(wn*t);
    cwt=cos(wn*t(k));
%compute disp
    u(k)=u(k)+cwt*space;
end
end
plot(t,u)

```

Slightly  
cleaned up  
version of  
Fortran  
program in  
Stein and  
Wyssession  
"translated"  
to Matlab.  
(took  
calculation of  
time out of  
inner loop -  
is  
recalculated  
each time  
through,  
waste of time,  
calculate as  
vector once  
at beginning)

*Synthetic seismogram produced by Matlab code translated from Fortran.*





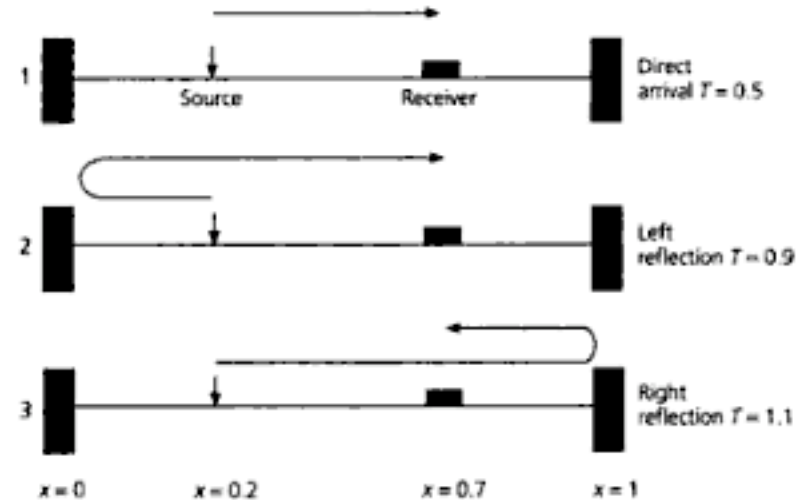
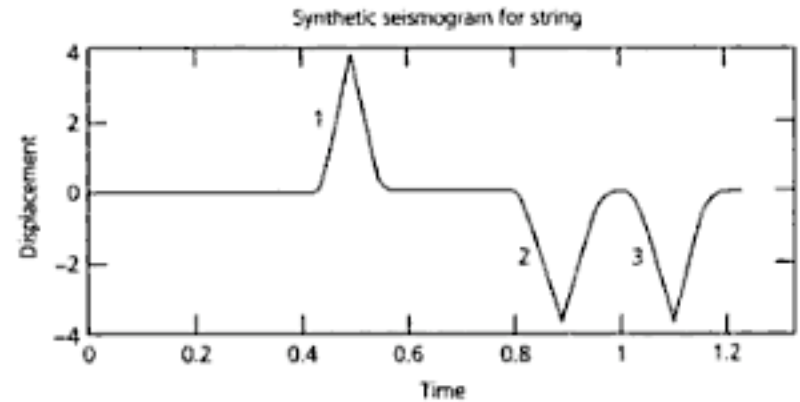
# Variables

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>> whos
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anpial	1x1	8	double	
c	1x1	8	double	
cnt	1x1	8	double	
cwt	1x1	8	double	
dmp	1x1	8	double	
dt	1x1	8	double	
k	1x1	8	double	
n	1x1	8	double	
nmode	1x1	8	double	
nstep	1x1	8	double	
scale	1x1	8	double	
space	1x1	8	double	
sxr	1x1	8	double	
sxs	1x1	8	double	
t	1x1	8	double	
tau	1x1	8	double	
tdurat	1x1	8	double	
u	1x50	400	double	
wn	1x1	8	double	
xrcvr	1x1	8	double	
xsrc	1x1	8	double	

Let's return to the original problem and try to understand what is going on.

We will use this to understanding to further vectorize (speed up) the code.



$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x / L) \sin(n\pi x_s / L) \cos(\omega_n t) \exp\left[-(\omega_n \tau)^2 / 4\right]$$

This is just the Fourier domain representation for waves on a string with fixed ends

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x_s / L) \sin(n\pi x / L) \cos(\omega_n t) \exp\left[-(\omega_n \tau)^2 / 4\right]$$

(Note:  $\omega_n = n * \omega_0$ )

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sin(n\pi x_s / L) \exp\left[-(\omega_n \tau)^2 / 4\right] \right) \sin(n\pi x / L) \cos(\omega_n t)$$

Weight - no dependence on x or t, only  $\omega_n$ .

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(n\pi x / L) \cos(\omega_n t)$$

Standing wave made from 2 opposite direction traveling waves. Amplitude varies with time, but does not "move"

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a'_n \left[ \cos(n\pi x / L + \omega_n t) + \cos(n\pi x / L - \omega_n t) \right]$$

Going left                      Going right

# Normal Mode (and combination of traveling waves to make standing wave) formulation for displacement of a string

$$u(x,t) = A \cos(kx + \omega t) + A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

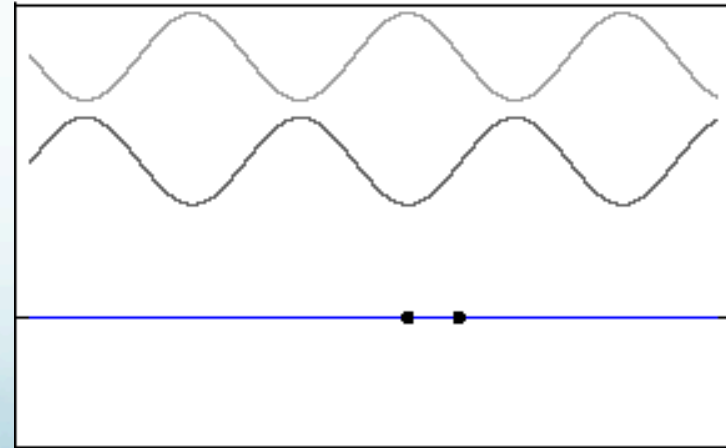
$$u(k,\omega) = A \cos(kx + \omega t) + A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$u(x,t) = u(k,\omega) = 2A \cos(\omega t) \cos(kx)$$

$$u_n(x,t) = \cos(k_n x / L) \cos(\omega_n t)$$

where  $\omega_n = v k_n$

This is a sinusoidal wave that is fixed in space,  $\cos(kx)$ , whose amplitude is modulated harmonically in time,  $\cos(\omega t)$



Do over a range  
of frequencies.

Delta functions  
going right on  
top

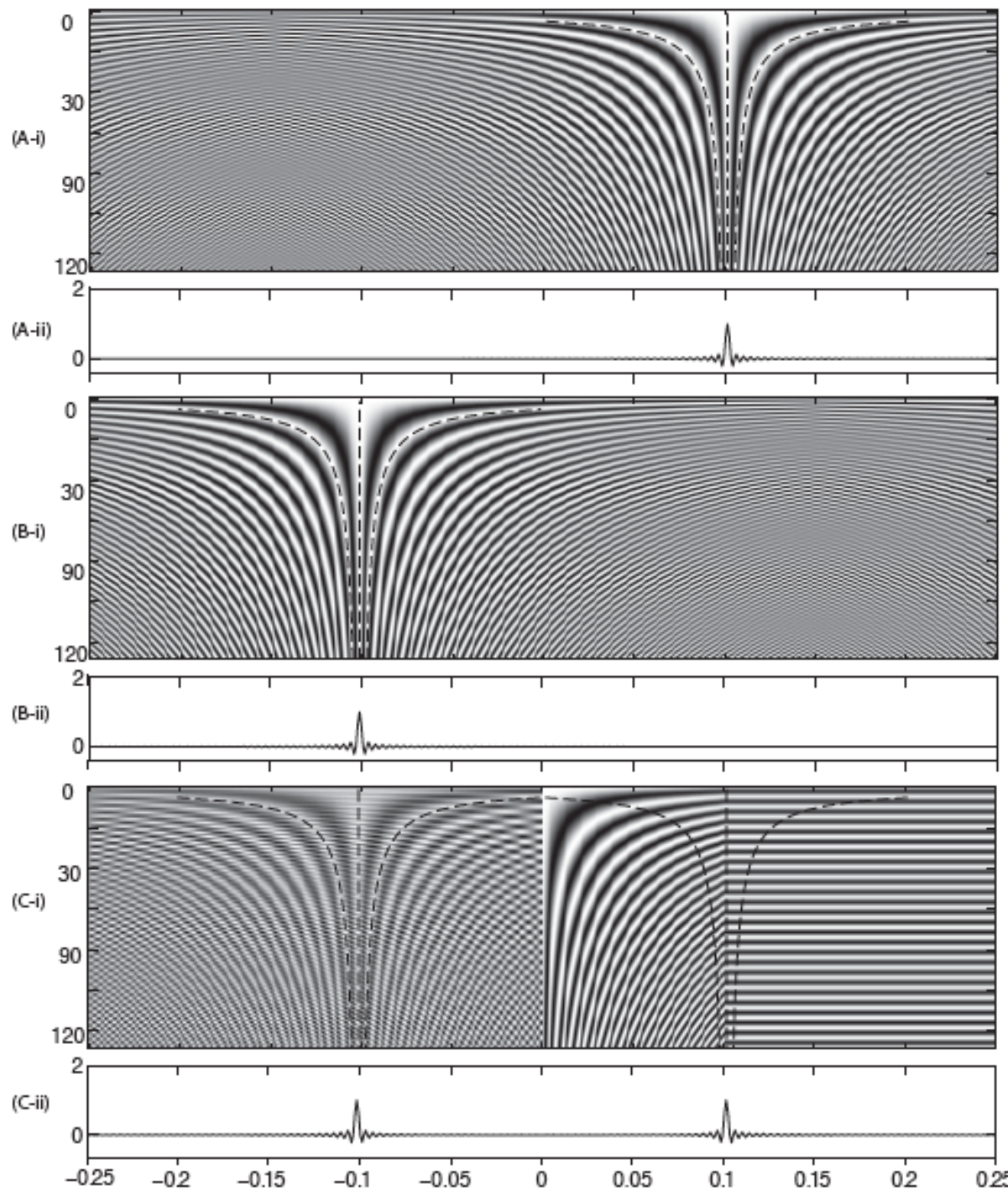
and left in  
middle

and combined  
(bottom).

$$u(x,t) = A \cos(kx + \omega t) + A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$u(k,\omega) = A \cos(kx + \omega t) + A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$u(x,t) = u(k,\omega) = 2A \cos(\omega t) \cos(kx)$$



# Look at the basic element of Fourier series, weighted sum of sin and cos functions

(look at cos only to see how works).

$$u(t_m) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(\omega_n t_m)$$

$$u(t_m) = \frac{a_0}{2} + (a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n) \cdot (\cos(\omega_1 t_m) \ \cos(\omega_2 t_m) \ \cos(\omega_3 t_m) \ \dots \ \cos(\omega_n t_m)) \leftarrow \text{Dot product}$$

$$u(t_m) = \frac{a_0}{2} + (a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega_1 t_m) \\ \cos(\omega_2 t_m) \\ \cos(\omega_3 t_m) \\ \dots \\ \cos(\omega_n t_m) \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{or matrix multiply: } ac = (c'a')' \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a_0}{2} + (\cos(\omega_1 t_m) \ \cos(\omega_2 t_m) \ \cos(\omega_3 t_m) \ \dots \ \cos(\omega_n t_m))$$

$$\vec{u}(t_m : t_{m+k}) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega_1 t_m) & \cos(\omega_2 t_m) & \cos(\omega_3 t_m) & \dots & \cos(\omega_n t_m) \\ \cos(\omega_1 t_{m+1}) & \cos(\omega_2 t_{m+1}) & \cos(\omega_3 t_{m+1}) & \dots & \cos(\omega_n t_{m+1}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \cos(\omega_1 t_{m+k}) & \cos(\omega_2 t_{m+k}) & \cos(\omega_3 t_{m+k}) & \dots & \cos(\omega_n t_{m+k}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}(t_m : t_{m+k}) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \vec{W} \vec{a}$$

matrix multiply, at multiple times to make full seismogram

# Look at the basic Fourier series

At constant time, weighted sum of cosines at different frequencies at that time

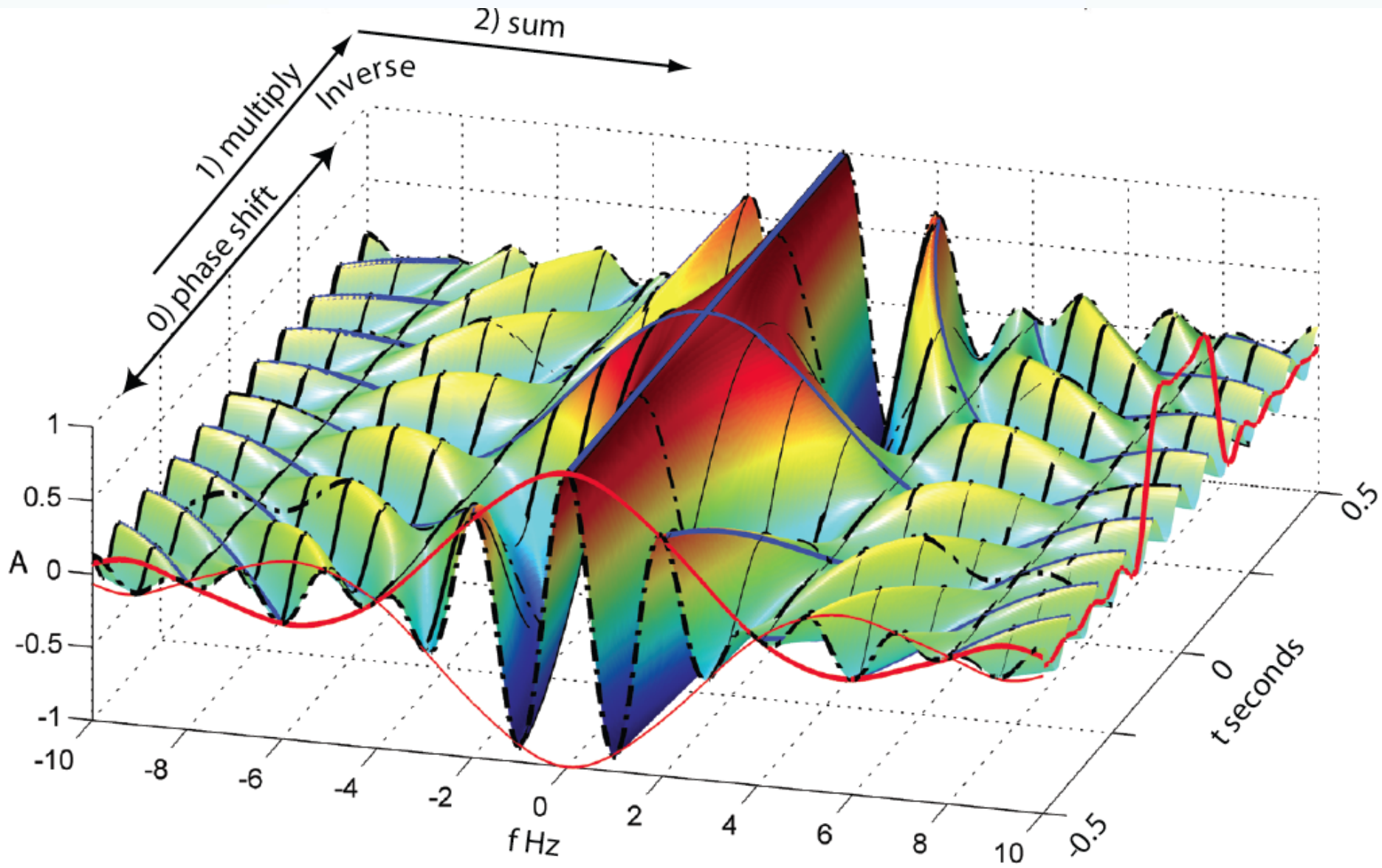
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$$\vec{u}(t_m : t_{m+k}) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \vec{W} \vec{a}$$

constant frequency cosine as function of time  
(basis functions)

This is multiplication of a matrix (with cosines as functions of frequency – across – and time – down) times a vector containing the Fourier series weights.

We have just vectorized the equations for the  
Fourier series!





Even though this is a major improvement over doing this with for loops, and is clear conceptually, it is still not "computable" as it takes  $O(N^2)$  operations (and therefore time) to do it. This is OK for small  $N$ , but quickly gets out of hand.

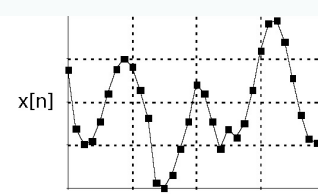
Fourier analysis is typically done using the Fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithm – which has  $O(N \log_2 N)$  operations and is significantly faster for large  $N$ .

# Fourier decomposition.

“Basis” functions are the sine and cosine functions.

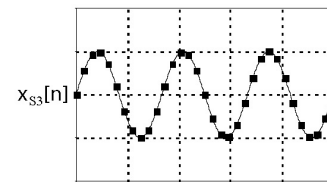
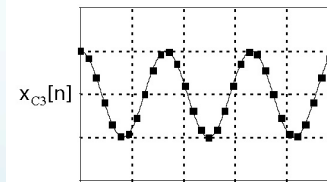
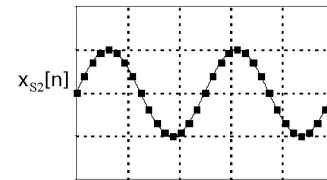
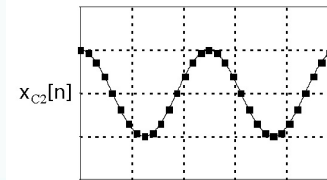
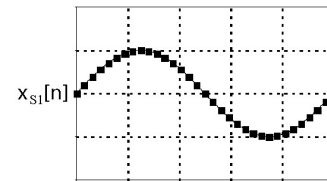
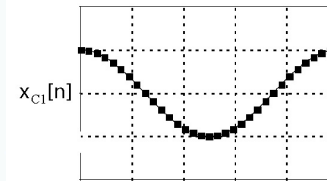
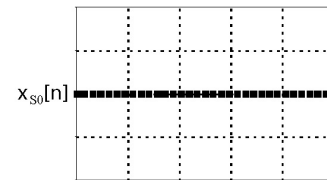
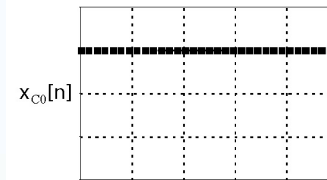
Notice that first sine term is all zeros (so don't really need it) and last sine term (not shown) is same as last cosine term, just shifted one – so will only need one of these).

Fourier  
Decomposition



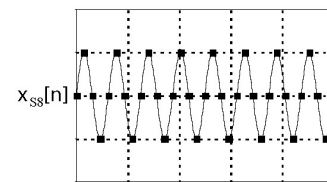
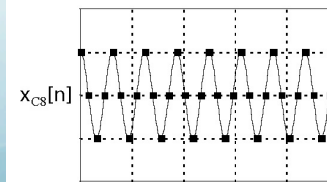
cosine waves

sine waves



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# Fourier transform (actually Fourier series)

$$u(t_m) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(\omega_n t_m) + \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin(\omega_n t_m)$$

The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) depends on noticing that there is a lot of repetition in the calculations – each higher frequency basis function can be made by selecting points from the  $\omega_0$  function. The weight value is multiplied by the same basis function value an increasing number of times as  $\omega$  increases.

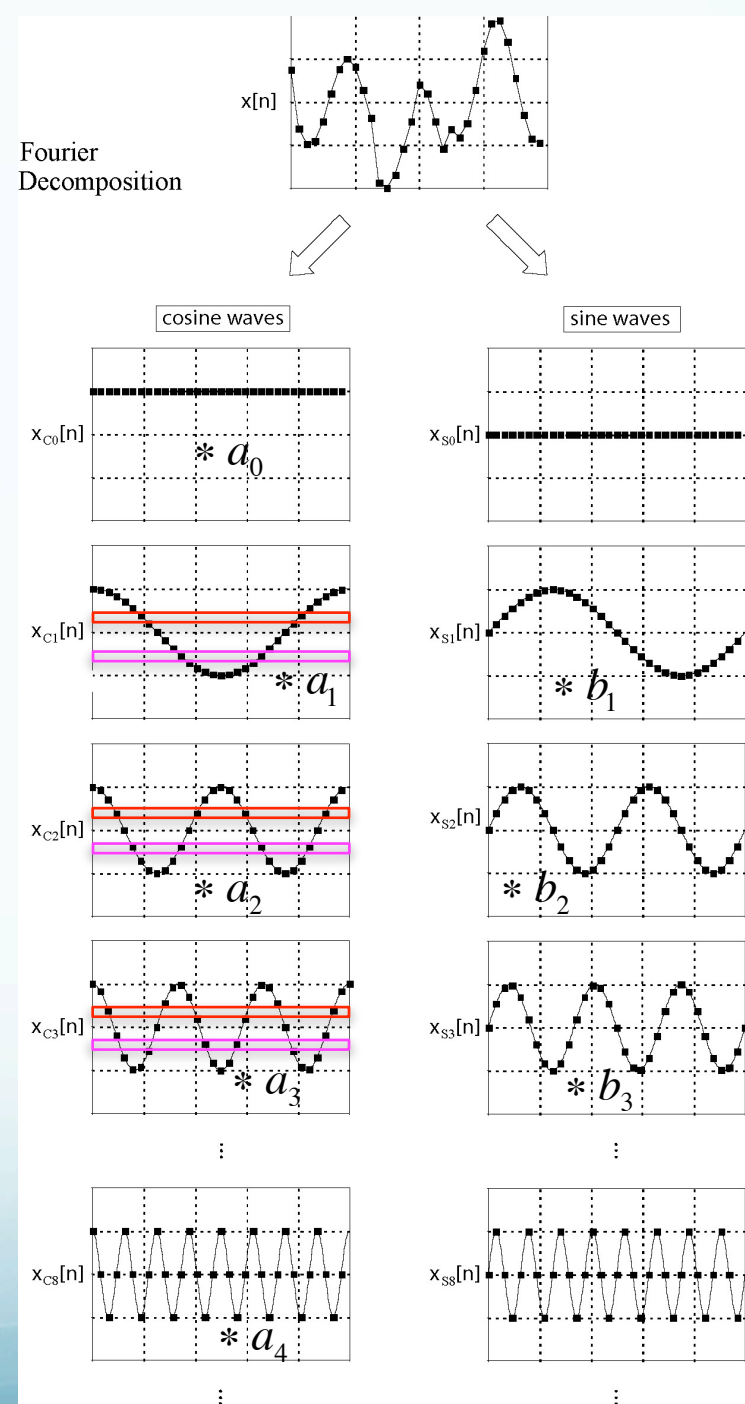


Figure from Smith

# FFT

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The FFT uses regularities of the calculation to calculate the basis functions and then basically does each unique multiplication only once, stores it, and then does the bookkeeping to add them all up correctly.

The points in the trace at the top are made from vertical sums of the weighted points at the same time in the cos and sin traces in the bottom.

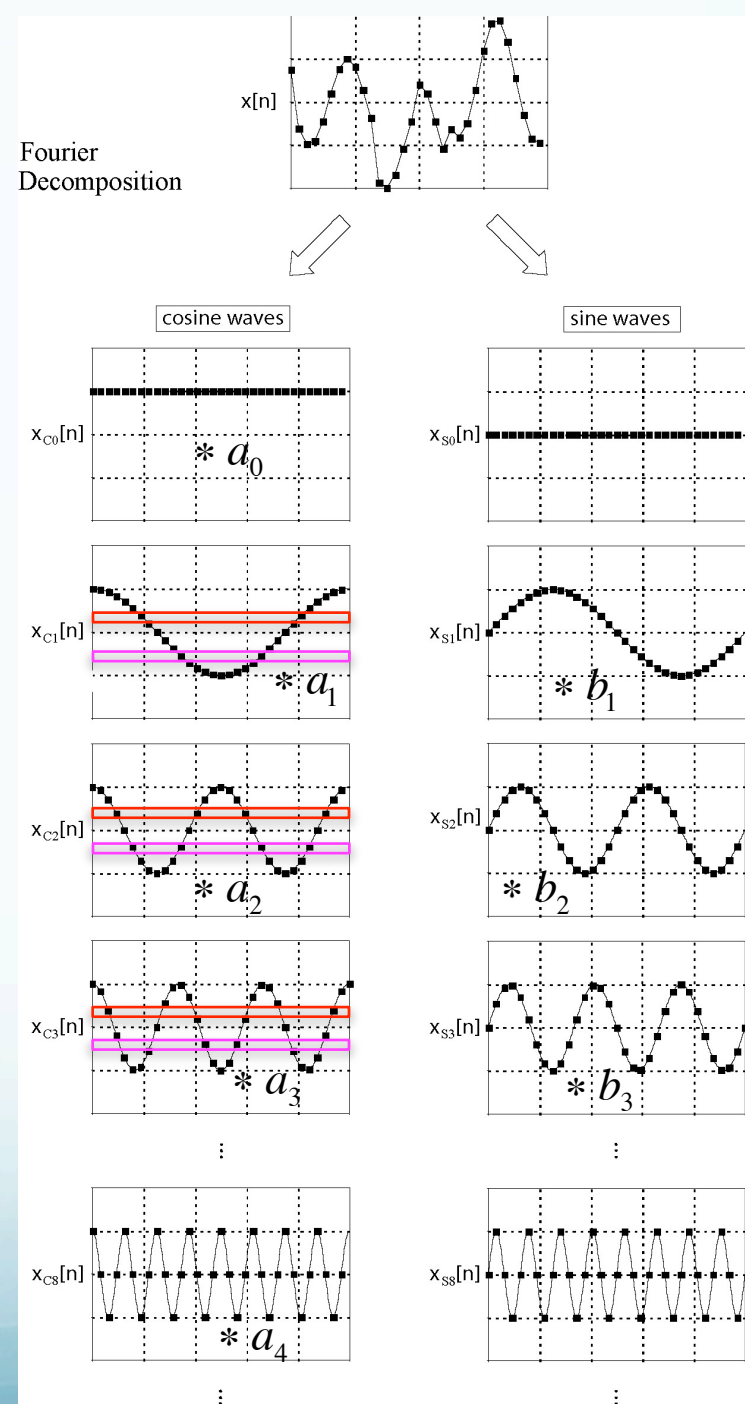


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# FFT

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$$u(t_m) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n W_N^{mn}, \quad W = e^{-i2\pi/N}$$

The FFT uses the following symmetry properties

Symmetry

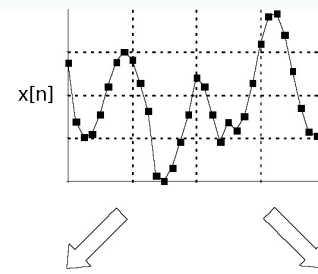
$$W_N^{k+N/2} = -W_N^k$$

Periodicity

$$W_N^{k+N} = W_N^k$$

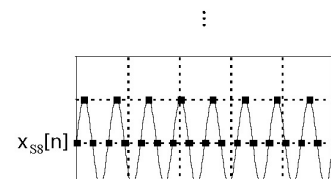
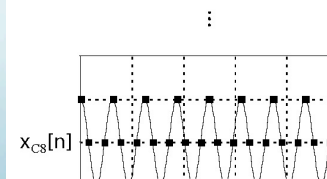
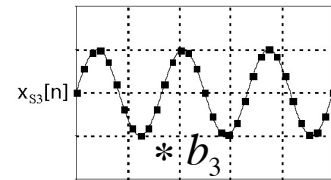
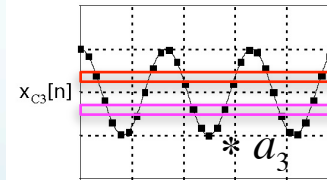
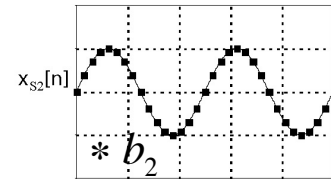
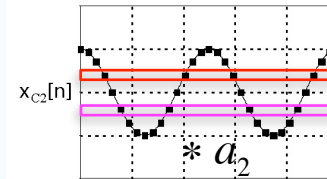
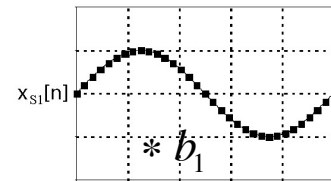
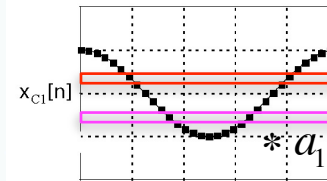
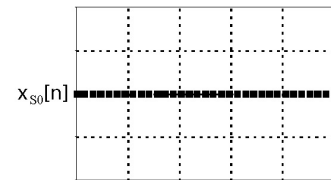
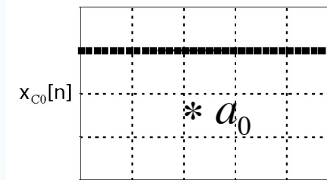
FFT needs number points = power of 2.

Fourier Decomposition



cosine waves

sine waves



```
% number of time samples M
% points
% source/receiver position:
% xs/xr (meters)
% speed c (meters/sec)
% length L (meters)
% number of modes N
% source pulse duration Tau
% (sec)
% length of seismogram T (sec)
```

```
M=50;
xs=0.25;
xr = 0.7;
c=1;
L=1;
N=200;
Tau=0.02;
T=1.25;
```

Same program in Matlab  
after vectorization (is  
mostly comments!)

```
%time vector, 1 row by M
%columns: start, step, stop
%will need lots, calc once
dt=T/M;
t=0:dt:T-dt;
```

$$\vec{u}(t_m : t_{m+k}) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega_1 t_m) & \cos(\omega_2 t_m) & \cos(\omega_3 t_m) & \cdots & \cos(\omega_n t_m) \\ \cos(\omega_1 t_{m+1}) & \cos(\omega_2 t_{m+1}) & \cos(\omega_3 t_{m+1}) & \cdots & \cos(\omega_n t_{m+1}) \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cos(\omega_1 t_{m+k}) & \cos(\omega_2 t_{m+k}) & \cos(\omega_3 t_{m+k}) & \cdots & \cos(\omega_n t_{m+k}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \cdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}(t_m : t_{m+k}) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \vec{W} \vec{a}$$

(Note:  $\omega_n = n * \omega_0$ )

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sin(n\pi x_s / L) \exp\left[-(\omega_n \tau)^2 / 4\right] \right) \sin(n\pi x_r / L)$$

We need to make the matrix and the vector

Making the matrix.

What size does it have to be?

What does each row and column represent?



There are  $N=200$  columns for the  $M$  frequencies

There are  $N=50$  rows for the  $N$  samples in the seismogram time series.

How do we make the elements  $(k,l)$  of the matrix?

Use fact that values needed are proportional to  $k$  and  $l$ .

Make appropriate vectors for time and frequency.

How big is each?

How combine them to make the matrix as a function of  $k$   
and  $l$ ?

Multiply elements of the matrix by  $dt$  and  $\omega_0$ .

Take cosine of matrix.

Now calculate the weights.

Note the weights depend on  $n$ , and  $\omega_n$ , but not  $t$ .

All  $t$  dependence is in the matrix elements.

So now have matrix with the trigonometric basis functions and a vector of the weights.

Just multiply them!  
(careful with sizes)

This is not the way it is typically done (although some people still do it the "Fortran" way) as it is still  $O(N^2)$ .

The Matlab matrix multiplication method is faster than the Matlab loop method.  
(a good Fortran compiler will beat the pants off either implementation in Matlab).

We did it this way for educational purposes.

Typically, it is done using the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) algorithm which avoids duplication of effort in the multiplications and results in  $O(N \log_2 N)$  multiplications.

For a time series  $2^{16}=65,536$

(FFT needs number of points = power of two, this is pretty typical number of points in seismogram, about 10 minutes at 100 Hz sampling)

We need  $O(16 * 2^{16})=1,048,576$

Vs

4,294,967,296

Multiplications (slow)

(ratio  $2.44140625e-4 \rightarrow 4096$  times faster!!)

## Two lessons

Vectorizing Matlab (turn loops into matrix operations) makes Matlab go lots faster.  
Should do it.

### Vectorizing in general

- is not algorithmic
- is case specific

can give gigantic speed improvements (much more than Matlab style vectorizing) and even make something that is non-computable, computable.

But is lots of work - an art!



Get same figure as before.

